

Procedure for determining PGY credit for training beyond standard ACGME residency and fellowship training:

Draft AF handbook, states:

- 1. Physicians and Dentists .** Physician and dentist advanced fellows in this category are paid at the rate for their approved PGY-level, as defined by the Resident Training Stipend Schedule. PGY level for this purpose is determined using the following decision rules:

a. All years completed in an ACGME- or ADA- approved residency or clinical fellowship shall count year for year as calculated by ACGME standards. No training conducted outside the United States or Canada shall be countable unless accepted in writing by the specialty board in question granting credit for all or part of said foreign training.

b. Chief Resident positions will count for 1 year, provided the appointment had the following attributes:

i. The responsibility was fulfilled after the candidate became Board Eligible in the specialty in which the Chief Residency took place;

ii. The responsibility was fulfilled in an ACGME-approved residency program; and

iii. The candidate must have participated for one year.

c. Post graduate experiences other than the above shall generally not be eligible to count towards PGY credit, except for those that meet the following criteria:

i. The experience must have been a training program addressing clinical care, healthcare research, healthcare policy, or combination of the three;

ii. It must have been sanctioned by an organization recognized in healthcare practice, research, or policy;

iii. It must have been completed at an institution with an ACGME-accredited residency program; and

iv. Office of Academic Affiliations shall make all determinations of the above.

v. Should it be determined that such an experience shall be eligible, the years of participation (rounded down in case of partial year) shall be applied towards the determination of PGY status.

So one question is to be sure that the requested experience occurred after the primary specialty training. It's important that we not provide credit for things people did too early- this can be an issue for IMGs who engage in a wide variety of non-accredited training/research programs until they secure a US residency.

The next test is whether this is a training program (as opposed to practice, work, or whatever).

The next test is whether the sponsor is an organization recognized in healthcare practice, research and policy.

The last test is whether it occurred in an institution with an ACGME-accredited residency program. In order to find out for sure whether the institution fulfills this criterion, refer to the ACGME website at ACGME.ORG and look up accredited programs.